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PRESS RELEASE

US Supports e-Learning Macedonia

Representatives of the United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) e-BIZ Project and the South East European University (SEEU) signed today a Memorandum of Understanding that renews SEEU's Business Development Center's exclusive license for distributing SkillSoft online courses to Macedonia, Kosovo, Albania, Serbia and Montenegro. USAID is part of the U.S. Mission to Macedonia.

"SkillSoft online training is a good example of the global training trend we call e-Learning," said Hal Yaeger, head of USAID's e-BIZ Project. Yaeger and SEEU Rector, Academic Aljadin Abazi signed the agreement

The SkillSoft program includes over 4000 on-line courses. Nearly 3000 leading companies use SkillSoft and more than half of the world's largest 500 companies use SkillSoft e-Learning solutions. For more information about SkillSoft, please see http://seeu.skillport.com

The SEEU's Business Development Center, in addition to the e-learning opportunities, also provides consulting and classroom training services to organizations through the use of information and communication technology. Services include management training, business consulting, and video conferencing.

Notes to Editors

The American people, through USAID, have invested more than \$450 million in Macedonia since 1993. Over 25 projects worth more than \$25 million a year are currently being implemented. These projects are designed to support Macedonia's transition to a free market-based, multi-ethnic democracy. They include initiatives to accelerate economic growth, develop democratic institutions, and educate citizens for a modern economy. USAID provides economic and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries. For more information please visit http://macedonia.usaid.gov